MBW Spouses Brief

Oct 2008

Upcoming Events

Winter

- Presidential Inauguration – Jan

Spring

- Battle Colors Detachment (BCD) training in Yuma – Feb

— Drum & Bugle Corps, Silent Drill Platoon, Color Guard

- BCD west coast tour - Mar
- Pre-parade prep – Apr

Summer

- Evening parades (at Barracks) start - May
- Sunset Parades at Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo) start - Jun

Presidential Inauguratio

- Begins: Thursday 15 Jan 09
- Ends: Saturday 24 Jan 09
- During this time MBW will provide Ceremonial Support as well as Musical Support for numerous events in support of the Presidential Inauguration.

Battle Color Detachmen Training/West Coast Tou

- February – March
- Training in Yuma, Arizona
- West Coast Tour (shake down cruise)

  BCD: Consists of the D&B, Silent Drill Platoon and the Color Guard.
- BCD integrating new Marines into unit specific drill and ceremonies

Parade Season

- Friends and Family Parade: 1 May 2009
- First Evening Parade: 8 May 2009

  At Marine Barracks Washington

  Open to public
- First Sunset Parade: 9 June 2009

  At Iwo Jima Memorial
- Last Sunset Parade: 11 August 2009

Liberty Schedule

- Martin Luther King: Jan 16th (Fri) 1200- Jan 20th (Tues) 1200

  Inauguration impact (??)

- President's Day: Feb 13th (Fri)1200- Feb 17th (Tues) 1200

*Mission Comes First

* "Noon to noon" supports safe travel to/ from

Family Readiness Program

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Relocation Assistance Program

Mr. Willie Acevedo, Program Manager

- Housing Information, Military Set Aside Housing Program
- PCS Workshops and Okinawa Briefs
- Lending Locker for Household Goods
- Individual Relocation Planning

General Counseling & Family Advocacy

Ms. Alice Stauffer, Counseling Services Mgr.
Ms. Robin Cooper, Victim Advocate/Education
Ms. Stephanie Bates, Family Advocacy Clinician
Ms. Vicki Johnson, Military Family Life Consultant

- Individual Marital & Family Counseling
- Prevention and Education Workshops
- Stress and Anger Management
- Communication Skills
- Crisis Intervention and Victim Advocacy

Lifelong Learning and School Liaison Office

Mr. Michael Flaherty

- Area School Information and referral Services
- K-12 Transition Issues
- Adopt a School Program (Volunteers serving at Barcroft Elementary School)
- Tuition Assistance
- Distance Learning
- Academic Counseling

Exceptional Family Member Program

Ms. Linda Clark, Program Manager

- Special Needs Assistance
- Medical and Educational Resources
- Individual Case Management
- Family Support Groups
- Respite Care and Advocacy

Personal Financial Management

Mr. Jim Murphy, Personal Financial Program Manager

- Budget Planning and Management
- College and Retirement Planning
- Health & Life Insurance Options
- Debt Management
- Estate Planning
- Home and Car Buying

Children Youth & Teen Program

Ms. Mary Sue Rainey, Program Manager
Mr. Eddie Acevedo, Program Assistant

- Child Care Resources and Referral
- Child Care Subsidy
- Enhanced Emergency Child Care
- Off Base Family Child Care

Marine Corps Family Team Building

Ms. Kathy Beech: L.I.N.K.S. Trainer

- Lifestyle, Insight, Networking, Knowledge and Skills (L.I.N.K.S.) for spouses, teens, children and parents
- Family Readiness Program Training
- Spouse Leadership Seminar
- Holiday Gift & Food Basket Programs

Substance Abuse Counseling

Mr. Bob Marshall, Drug Demand Reduction Coordinator

- Screening and Assessment
- Treatment and Referral
- Prevention Outreach
- Aftercare

New Parent Support

- Parenting Classes and Support Groups
- Baby Boot Camp
- Home Visitation Services
- Referral to Resources for New Parents
- Cooperative Parenting and Divorce (Court Mandated for divorcing parents)

Career Resource Management Center

- Pre-Separation Counseling
- Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Workshops
- Employment Assistance for Active Duty, Retire, and Family Members
- Resume Preparation and Skills Assessments
- Mock Interview Sessions
- Federal and Private Employment Resources